



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

May 2022 – Our monthly MNS meeting for May will be held on Thursday, May 19, from 6 to 8 PM at the Mayfair Mall Community Room. The program will be the semi-annual MNS auction, with over 30 lots up for sale. Safety precautions continue to be followed.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings will be held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month, until further notice..

May Coin of the Month: A proof 68 NGC-certified 1964 90% silver Kennedy half dollar is the May COTM. Try finding a nicer example! You can't go wrong with this one at a starting bid of \$40.



May 2022 MNS President's Message

The busy season of spring coin shows in our locale, namely the Central States, is now over for another year. I was able to take the day off work and attend the show on Thursday, and it certainly was a bustling and active bourse. The line for registration literally wrapped all the way down and around the lobby. The next momentous numismatic event we have to look forward to is the ANA in Rosemont later this summer. As confirmed in the last newsletter and at the club meeting, we will be renting a van to travel to that show in place of our regular Thursday night meeting. As of this writing we only have three more openings on the 15-passenger van, so the first members that claim those spots will be added to the list. Anyone else will simply be on a wait list in case someone decides to forego their seat.

After a several year hiatus, the Scout clinic at the South Shore show went as smoothly as possible. With only eight scouts attending it ran efficiently and we were able to provide individualized attention as needed. Only a few of the scouts did not pass, mainly due to insufficient coins in the required date and/or type sets. Hopefully they will be able to make that up at a future time with a counselor.

Our auction is coming up at the next meeting, so please review the list of items elsewhere in this newsletter and come prepared to bid. I believe that I just might be filling in as auctioneer in Dave's absence. Due to time constraints please hold off on bringing anything for show and tell until the June meeting, if possible. If you have something you must absolutely show and you know you won't be at the next meeting we can certainly make a little time for it.

For everyone planning to attend the ANA's World's Fair of Money, I highly suggest ensuring your ANA membership is up-to-date prior to the event. Then pre-register for the show at the ANA's website so you can gain admission to the bourse 30 minutes before it is opened to the general public. They will mail your admittance badge in advance of the show. This is one less thing for you to worry about on an otherwise very busy show day.

Happy Collecting,
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MN\$ 2022

Schedule

Monthly meetings for 2022 calendar year are ready to proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 17:	Tom Casper: Presentation
March 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
April 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
May 19:	Spring Auction
June 16:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
July 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 18:	NO MEETING-ANA Show Bus
Sept 15:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 20:	Autumn Auction
Nov 17:	Raffle Tickets Drawing
Dec 15:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2022 are \$10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886**. Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2022 Numismatic Events

Aug. 14:	Beaver Dam Coin Show 300 Beichl Ave. (9-3 PM)
Aug. 16-20:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL (10-6 PM)
Aug. 18:	MNS Bus Trip to ANA Show Leave from College Ave. Park & Ride Southwest Lot at TBD
Nov 13:	MNS Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 20:	Don K.
Feb 17:	Open
March 17:	Jordan H.
April 21:	Dave Hunsicker
May 19:	Justin P.
June 16:	Open
July 21:	Open
August 18:	NO MEETING (ANA Trip)
Sept 15:	Open
Oct 20:	Open
Nov 17:	Open
Dec 15:	Christmas Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes
April 21, 2022

President Justin Perreault called the 1026th meeting of the MNS to order at 6:00pm. There were 22 members & 0 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Tom C, Kevin F, Leon S, Chris K, Paul K, John R, and John B.

Coin of the Month: John R. won the coin of the month, a 1976-S Silver Drummer Boy Quarter Proof 69 Ultra Cameo, with a winning bid of \$30.00

Minutes: The minutes for March 2022 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris K. reported that March showed net receipts of \$159.00 plus a transfer from the Club's Vanguard account and \$348.25 in net disbursements for a positive net cash flow of \$159.08.

Correspondence: Coins Magazine, The Numismatist, Central States Centinel, and Bookmarks for National Coin Week.

VP: There are many months in 2022 available to bring refreshments and for program ideas/presentations. Refreshments will be reimbursed up to \$60.00

Newsletter: At the moment Leon S has plenty of articles so no need to submit articles to him.

2022 Scout Clinic: The annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic is scheduled for April 23rd and will be held at the Sheraton Four Points across from the airport (the former Clarion). Thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer.

Central States Coin Show: The CSNS coin show is April 27 – 30th in Schaumburg. Members are encouraged to attend and show off their finds at next month's meeting during show & tell.

ANA Bus Trip: The club will be renting a 14-passenger bus to take members and guests down to the ANA World's Fair of Money on August 18 (Thursday). The bus will leave from the College Ave Park & Ride at 7:30 am. If you are interested, please contact Justin P. Currently there are 9 signed up so 5 open spots available. A reminder: there will be no August meeting. The bus trip will replace the August meeting.

Trivia: The ANA sent numismatic club members a short trivia game for National Coin Week. The club did their best to answer all the questions correctly. We will submit our answers back to ANA for a possible prize.

Auction: The club semi-annual auction will take place May 19. Please contact Leon S. if you have items you would like to sell at the auction. Also, let Leon know by May 1 so he can have the completed auction list in May's Newsletter. Large quantities of items will not be accepted on the night of the meeting.

Show & Tell Non-Numismatic: Kevin F – Abkhazian silver coin; Jordan H. – Andorran Coins: Old and New; Leon S – Very Deceptive Armenian forgeries; John W – SS & S Co.; Tom S – Early Milwaukee, WI Note

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:34pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

THE LUSITANIA MEDAL

By Peter Jacobsohn

On May 17th, 1915, the Cunard luxury liner RMS Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine - U20. World War I was well underway. The United States had not yet entered the war. The Lusitania was on its 202nd transatlantic passage. It was one of the world's greatest maritime disasters. The loss of life was catastrophic, with 1198 passengers and crew killed, of whom 128 were United States citizens.

The Lusitania was on its way to Liverpool, England from New York. Germany had declared the seas around the U.K. a war zone. The German embassy in the U.S. had warned in 50 newspapers that sailing on the Lusitania was dangerous. The German government warned that ships carrying arms and ammunition to allied powers in Europe were subject to attack by the German navy. The Lusitania was torpedoed 11 miles off the coast of Ireland inside the declared war zone.

Initially the U.S. and U.K. claimed that the Lusitania was a passenger ship and that it was not carrying any war munitions. However, after the war, it was revealed that the Lusitania was in fact carrying 4 million rounds of machine-gun ammunition and 50 tons of other war materiel. This was later confirmed by underwater exploration.

Karl Goetz (1875-1950), a prominent German medalist, produced close to 100 medals of various types during the years 1913-1923. Many were focused on war propaganda and glorification of German achievements. Goetz's best known work is the Lusitania Medal.

The medal had the wrong date of the sinking—May 5th instead of May 7th. Although it was claimed to be an error, controversy focused on the sinking being pre-meditated and pre-arranged. A corrected version was soon issued.

In an anti-German propaganda effort the British minted a copy of the German medal. The British copy retained the May 5, 1915 date that appeared on the original German medal. The British claimed that "it is proof positive that such crimes are given every encouragement in the land of Kultur".

The obverse of the medal depicts the Lusitania sinking laden with armaments. The reverse of the medal shows "Death" in the form of a skeleton behind a ticket counter of the Cunard line in N.Y. issuing tickets to passengers. The wording on the obverse translated from German to English reads "No Contraband" and on the reverse reads "Business Above All."

The original German medal was bronze, of which 500 were made. The British copy was made of cast iron and it is shown here with its original presentation box. 300,000 were issued. The diameter is 55 mm and it weighs 60 gm.



Drawing of the Goetz Lusitania medal



British copy of the Goetz Lusitania Medal



Presentation box for the British copy medal

Milwaukee Wins Again!

2022 CSNS Coin Show Exhibit Winners in Schaumburg

The MNS and the greater Milwaukee area were well represented in the recently concluded Central States Numismatic Society coin show during the last week of April in Schaumburg, IL. Awards were announced on April 29 and covered 5 categories: United States Coins; Foreign Coins; Tokens, Medals, Orders and Decorations; Paper Money; and Miscellaneous.

MNS member Darrell Luedtke won the People's Choice award for his display of German inflation money titled "Hyperinflation in Post World War I Germany." The same display also received the Dany Rothfeld award for the best topical exhibit.

MNS member Floyd Aprill won third in the US Coins class for "The U.S. Philippines Half Centavo: a Failed Denomination."

MNS member Bruce Bartelt won third in the Foreign Coins class for "Nero in Competition: Athlete and Artist—Coins of Roman Egypt Commemorating the Panhellenic Festivals."

Floyd Aprill also won a first place in the category of Tokens, Medals, Orders and Decorations for his display of "Selected Twentieth Century Medals of the United States Assay Commission."

MNS member Tom Casper's wife Sandy Casper won third place in the same category for the exhibit "Prison Loot—A Selection of U.S. Prison Money."

Finally, Dave Hunsicker took first place in the Miscellaneous category "You Can Bank on It," a display of savings banks from various sources.

MNS extends congratulations to all the Milwaukee winners who demonstrated their expertise in competitive numismatic exhibiting. After two straight years of cancelled CSNS shows and a number of adjustments and rule changes, it was great to see that our members are still anxious to show off their collections and talents.

May 19, 2022 MNS auction

1. Two rare Canadian Coin catalogs, donated from Bruce Benoit
2. John/Nancy Wilson, 6 autographed campaign pieces, donated by Leon Saryan
3. Slabbed 1888-O Morgan silver dollar, MB \$30
4. One-troy ounce 999 fine pure silver heart, MB \$25
5. 1971 Milwaukee Summerfest proof bronze medal, made by Gale Highsmith, MB \$10
6. 1933 Chicago Century of Progress International Expo bronze medal, HK463, MB \$5
7. 1996-W [West Point mint] Roosevelt dime, BU, catalog \$20, MB \$10
8. \$20 1863 genuine Confederate paper note, fully attributed but damaged, MB \$20
9. 1932 Max Mehl Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia & Catalog, some writing inside
10. 1959 Roman Coins guidebook by Zander.Klawans
11. 1979 Paper Money and Bonds book by Colin Narbeth
12. 2015 Red Book USA coins price guide
13. 2 sets of 1976 Bicentennial Souvenir sheets, total face value \$8.60, MB \$8
14. 2 different George Webb—Milwaukee Brewers free hamburger coupons RARE
15. 2002 Souvenir Euro 5-cent Coin set (12 coins in sealed folder), Cu-plated steel
16. 50 Leuclturm square 2x2 plastic coin capsules (dimes and halves), \$60 + retail
17. 2 PCGS blue plastic boxes for slabbed coins
18. 2009 MNS first day cover & two 1940s-50s local Milwaukee ink blotters
19. \$20 Harriett Tubman slavery fantasy note from Milwaukee June 2020 BLM protest
20. 1970s Cub Scout brass belt, Webelos book & 11 activity pins, MB \$15
21. Collecting Paper book by Gene Utz. 8.5"x11" Softcover
22. 1999 Canada Millennium Quarter Collection, 13 different pieces UNC.
23. 3 diff. MNS medalettes, 1999 65th coin show set, 1 Silver, 1 Copper, 1 Nickel
24. 12 Canada Coats of Arms medals set with description booklet, 1 from each province.
25. Two different plastic replica coin plaques
26. Ribbon Badge from the 59th National ANA Convention in Milwaukee in 1950
27. Coin bank in the shape of a wad of \$10 bills
28. Coin bank from Mitchell St. State Bank, no key. Minimum bid \$10
29. 6 numis. magazines; 2-Whitman 1964-65; 2-Numis. Scrapbooks 1969-70; 2-Numismatists 1964-65
30. The Milwaukee Story-The Making of an American City, 1946 Milw. Jnl. book
31. Old Milwaukee Historic Postcards, book, Gregory Filardo, 1988, MB \$5
32. Encased paperweight/timer, 1956 Motor Cargo Inc. (401 W. Layton), MB \$8
33. Unc date set of US cents from 1965 to 2000
34. Unc date set of US nickels from 1965 to 1994
35. Unc date set of US dimes from 1965 to 2000
36. Unc date set of US quarters from 1965 to 2006 with the 50-State quarters for those years
37. 25 rolls of wheat pennies with mixed dates